

Dear Federal Communications Commission:

Is it true that the Federal Communications Commission will soon be making a decision regarding AT&T's avoidance of more than half a billion dollars in obligations owed for its prepaid calling cards? If so, I would like to ask the FCC that they hold AT&T to the same standards as every other responsible citizen who pays their bills in full and on time. AT&T's reckless maneuver threatens to destabilize rural telecommunications, jeopardize Internet access in our schools and libraries and put at risk the nation's commitment to affordable, reliable access to a dial tone for all of its citizens.

It's obvious that this is a scam by AT&T to avoid contributing to Universal Service. I'm sure you've heard the phrase, "if it walks like a duck, quacks like a duck, looks like a duck, well, it's a duck." The same is true of a phone call. A phone call is a phone call is a phone call, with or without advertisement thrown in to disguise it. Please put a stop to AT&T's scam.

It's also not right that AT&T has unilaterally decided not to pay for its callings cards' use of local telecommunications networks. The bill...\$340 million and counting. That's just not right. And then AT&T has the nerve and disrepect to suggest that if it has to pay its bills, then it has to raise the price of its calling cards. My Bologna has a first name, it's O S C A R. I think you get my point...this is a bunch of baloney.

Please stop this insanity right now, and require AT&T to pay what it owes to universal service and for use of local telecommunications networks, including applicable penalties.

Sincerely,

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